

Great Books for Third Grade Readers at the Pleasanton Public Library

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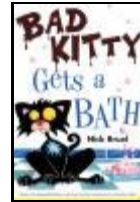
Moving Up

The Mount Rushmore Calamity

created by Jeff Brown
(96 p) *Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures series*
Hoping to escape the attention brought on by the accident that flattened Stanley, the Lambchop family drives to South Dakota, where they become involved in a wild west adventure at Mount Rushmore.



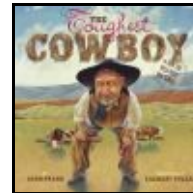
Bad Kitty Gets a Bath



(125 p) *Bad Kitty series*
Bad Kitty usually cleans herself, but after Poor Puppy chases her into a garbage can, she really needs a bath. Directions are supplied on how to accomplish this perilous mission.

The Toughest Cowboy, or How the Wild West was Tamed

by John Frank
The story of how a group of rough, uncouth cowboys have their lives turned completely upside down when one of them decides to get a dog, who turns out to be a French poodle named Foofy.



Three Tales of My Father's Dragon

by Ruth Stiles Gannett
(241 p)
A compilation of three tales relate the fantastic adventures of Elmer Elevator and a baby flying dragon named Boris.



Owen Foote, Mighty Scientist

by Stephanie Greene
(90p) *Owen Foote series*
Third grade best friends Owen and Joseph struggle to come up with a great science fair project that they will both enjoy doing, then something goes wrong and they have to change their plans two days before the fair.



The Iron Giant

by Ted Hughes
(79 p) *Audiobook available*
The fearsome iron giant becomes a hero when aliens invade and he saves the day.



Winnie at Her Best by Jennifer Jacobsen
(84 p) *Winnie Fletcher series*
Audiobook available

Zoe is the smartest speller and Vanessa is the top actress in the fourth grade, but Winnie doesn't know what she does best until she helps a young neighbor in need.



Martin Bridge Ready for Takeoff!

by Jessica Scott Kerrin
(120 p) *Martin Bridge series*
Meet Martin Bridge, a boy whose plans for a brilliant rocket, a substitute bus driver and a very old hamster go terribly wrong.



Charlotte in London

by Joan MacPhail
Charlotte, a young American girl, keeps a journal as her family leaves the artist colony of Giverny, France, in 1895 and travels to London, England, where they meet famous writers and artists and learn of the city's history.



Stink and the Midnight Zombie Walk

by Megan McDonald
(137 p) *Stink Moody series*
Stink and his friends try to earn money to buy the latest book in the Nightmare on Zombie Street series. But with all the talk about the undead, Stink starts to wonder — is he being hunted by zombies?



The Adventures of Sir Givret the Short

by Gerald Morris
(137 p) *Knights' Tales series*
While not the most intrepid knight of the Round Table, Sir Givret the Short helps King Arthur and the other knights with his cunning and cleverness.



Anyone Can Eat Squid

by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
(76 p)
Sarah longs to find a way to be someone special, and when her friend's Chinese restaurant needs customers, she finds a special way to save it.



Sly the Sleuth and the Pet Mysteries

by Donna Jo Napoli
(92 p) Sly the Sleuth, also known as Sylvia, solves three mysteries for her friends and neighbors, all involving pets, through her detective agency, Sleuth for Hire.



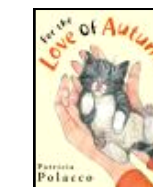
On the Road

by Lucy Nolan
(54 p) *Down Girl and Sit series*
A dog who thinks her name is Down Girl goes on a car ride to the beach, goes camping in the woods, and reluctantly pays a visit to the vet with her master, Ruff.



For the Love of Autumn

by Patricia Polacco
Miss Parks, a new teacher, is devastated when her cat, Autumn, disappears during a storm, but with the help of her students, she finds not only Autumn but somebody special.



This list represents a small selection of fiction that appeals to third graders. This list is not intended to limit a child's reading, for there is no "perfect" third grade book.

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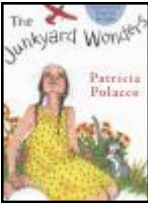
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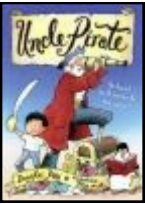


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The Junkyard Wonders by Patricia Polacco
Inspired by a teacher who believes each of them is a genius, a class of special-needs students invents something that could convince the whole school they are justifiably proud to be “Junkyard Wonders.”



Uncle Pirate by Douglas Rees (100 p)
Wilson is one of the most bullied fourth-graders at the chaotic Very Elementary School until his long-lost uncle, Desperate Evil Wicked Bob - a pirate - and his talking penguin arrive and begin making everything ship-shape, one classroom at a time.



The Ink Drinker by Eric Sanvoisin (35 p) *Ink Drinker series*
A boy who hates books discovers an ink-drinking vampire and follows him to his underground vault.

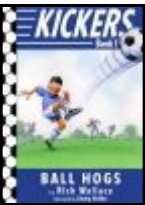


Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie by Julie Sternberg (122 p)
When nine-year-old Eleanor’s beloved babysitter Bibi moves away to care for her ailing father, Eleanor must spend the summer adjusting to a new babysitter and getting ready for the start of third grade.

Hooley Higgins and the Shark by Steve Voake (103 p)
Meet Hooley Higgins — along with his oddball family and friends — in a madcap adventure involving a scheme to capture a shark and charge admission to see it in order to earn money to buy a massive chocolate egg.



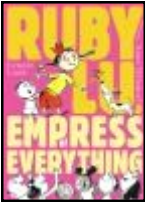
The Ball Hogs by Rich Wallace (119 p) *Kickers series*
Nine-year-old Ben, a natural athlete and member of the Bobcats co-ed soccer team, wants to overcome his inexperience and prove himself on the field, but his obnoxious teammate, Mark, keeps hogging the ball



Only Emma by Sally Warner (55 p) *Emma McGraw series*
Third-grader Emma’s peaceful life as an only child is disrupted when she has to temporarily share her tidy bedroom with four-year-old Anthony Scarpetto, a bona fide “pain in the patootie.”



Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything by Anne Wilsdorf (164 p) *Ruby Lu series*
After Ruby Lu’s deaf cousin, Flying Duck, and her parents come from China to live with her, Ruby finds life challenging as she adjusts to her new family, tries to mend her rocky relationship with her friend Emma, and faces various adventures in summer school.



FICTION

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary (158 p) *Ralph the Mouse series*
Audiobook available
A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.



Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary (182 p) *Ramona Quimby series*
Audiobook available
Beezus’ biggest problem is her four-year-old sister Ramona. Even though Beezus knows sisters are supposed to love each other, with a sister like Ramona, it seems impossible.

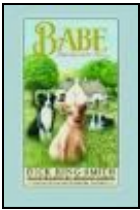


Phineas L. MacGuire Erupts! by Frances O’Roark Dowell (167 p) *Phineas L. MacGuire series*
Fourth-grade science whiz Phineas MacGuire is forced to team up with the new boy in class on a science fair project, but the boy’s quirky personality causes Phineas to wonder if they have any chance of winning.



Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little by Peggy Gifford (91 p) *Moxy Maxwell series* — *Audiobook available*
With summer coming to an end, about-to-be-fourth-grader Moxy Maxwell does a hundred different things to avoid reading her assigned summer reading book.

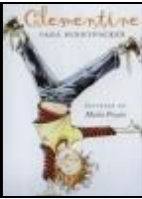
Babe: the Gallant Pig by Dick King-Smith (118 p)
A piglet destined for eventual butchering arrives at the farmyard, is adopted by an old sheep dog, and discovers a special secret to success.



Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things by Lenore Look (172 p) *Alvin Ho series*
Audiobook available
A young boy in who loves superheroes and come from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.



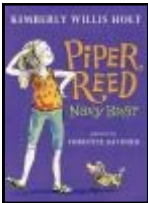
Clementine by Sara Pennypacker (137 p) *Clementine series*
Audiobook available
While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles. She also helps her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.



Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet by Graham Salisbury (152 p) *Calvin Coconut series*
Nine-year-old Calvin catches the attention of the school bully on the day before he starts fourth grade, while at home, the unfriendly, fifteen-year-old daughter of his mother’s best friend has taken over his room.



Piper Reed, Navy Brat by Kimberly Willis Hoot (152 p) *Piper Reed series* — *Audiobook available*
Piper is sad about leaving her home and friends behind when her father, a Navy aircraft mechanic, is transferred yet again, but with help from her often-annoying sisters and a surprise from her parents, she finds happiness in their new home in Pensacola, Florida.



PAPERBACK SERIES

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